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1. A data collection module, comprising:

- a) a support having a predetermined form factor;
- b) a radio frequency (RF) reader supported by the support, and operative for interrogating an RF resonant element associated with a target by transmitting RF energy to the resonant element, and for reading RF data relating to the target from the interrogated element by detecting RF energy transmitted by the resonant element; and
- c) a magnetic stripe reader supported by the support, and operative

for sensing magnetically encoded data in a stripe on a card, and for reading the encoded data.


8. A data collection terminal, comprising:

- a) a hand-held housing;
- b) a support supported by the housing and having a predetermined form factor;
- c) a radio frequency (RF) reader supported by the support, and operative for interrogating an RF resonant element associated with a target by transmitting RF energy to the resonant element, and for reading RF data relating to the target from the interrogated element by detecting RF energy transmitted by the resonant element; and
- d) a magnetic stripe reader supported by the support, and operative

for sensing magnetically encoded data in a stripe on a card, and for reading the encoded data.

15. A data collection method, comprising the steps of:

a) supporting a radio frequency (RF) reader on a support having a predetermined form factor;

 b) interrogating an RF resonant element associated with a target by transmitting RF energy to the resonant element, and for reading RF data relating to the target from the interrogated element by detecting RF energy transmitted by the resonant element; and

c) supporting a magnetic stripe reader supported on the support; and

d) sensing magnetically encoded data in a stripe on a card, and reading the encoded data.